

CLAIMS

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A process for making a fiber product, comprising:
providing never-dried, waste fiber from a virgin fiber source;
dewatering said waste fiber; and
~~flaking said waste fiber; and~~
drying said waste fiber utilizing a substantial portion of recovered heat from a pulping process.
2. The process of Claim 1, wherein a treatment substance is added to the fiber.
3. The process of Claim 2, wherein said treatment substance comprises sodium silicate.
4. The process of claim 2, wherein said treatment substance comprises Berol™ 509.
5. The process of Claim 1, wherein said dewatering step comprises passing the waste fiber through a screw press.
6. (Canceled).
7. (Canceled).
8. The process of claim 1, wherein said drying step comprises the use of belt dryer.
9. The process of claim 1, wherein the fiber product is used for animal bedding.
10. A process for making animal bedding, comprising:
providing never-dried waste fiber from a virgin fiber source;
dewatering said waste fiber; and
~~flaking said waste fiber; and~~
drying said waste fiber utilizing a substantial portion of recovered heat from a pulping process.
11. (Canceled).

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application and its early allowance.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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